

DRY FORCES VOICE IN FIRST COMMITTEE; 'JOKE' ANGER BRYAN

Division in Resolutions Committee Is 27 to 25, Forcing Drys to Present Case First; Reed Loses Second Fight for Convention Seat; Repeal of Unit Rule Recommended by Committee Will Split New York Vote.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., June 28.—On the first division in the platform committee on an angle of the prohibition fight today the dry forces were forced, over their protest, by a vote of 25 to 27, to present their case first in the committee hearing.

The clash came as soon as the committee took up the prohibition issue. Mr. Bryan and Mr. Cochran, who had been fighting for half an hour on the point, Chairman Glass finally interrupted to say that it appeared that no one "wanted to talk" so the question would be passed over.

"This is not a time for joking," shouted Mr. Bryan.

"The chair is not joking," retorted senator Glass, pointing the table.

And then the argument.

On motion by Borden Burr of Alabama, that the drys speak first, Mr. Bryan demanded a roll call and motion was adopted, 27 to 25.

The vote was taken after Mr. Bryan argued that as the wet was trying to open the prohibition issue, they should speak first. W. Bourke Cockran of New York, answering for the wets, declared they proposed to open no issue which was settled.

What bearing the procedure victory might have on the final outcome of the platform fight was not clear but drys maintained it had no significance at all as indicating the attitude of the committee on the wet and dry issue itself.

Repeal Unit Rule.

The committee on rules adopted a motion today repealing the unit rule in states in which there are laws requiring the election of delegates by districts. The effect will be to split the New York delegation if the repeal is adopted by the convention. The vote was 24 to 11.

Actual preparation of the Democratic platform delegated last night to a subcommittee of nine under administration leadership waited today while the platform committee of 53 kept open house to hear final suggestions and arguments from many sources.

Labor, liquor and the Irish question, all subjects of disagreement among party leaders, were up for debate at the committee's public hearings. Besides, there were many speakers on the subject of prohibition, the subject which was expected to show a majority of administration supporters and a minority also against inclusion of a plank in the platform. Senator Glass, understood to be president Wilson's own choice to head the committee, made his selection after a long conference with secretary Colby, of the state department, a member of the committee.

"Radical" Plank Offered.

"Labor is practically in the condition of a mob," declared one speaker, declaring courts had required men to do things they had no right to do.

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Armour And Company Explain Egg Deal, Declaring Average Profit Was Fraction Over 2c Per Dozen

ARMOUR AND COMPANY deny that they made undue profit on a recent transaction in Plainview eggs whose history was told in a Herald article. In a letter to "Herald," the packing company explains its costs and receipts upon the shipment referred to, and admits a profit on the transaction of only 2.5¢ per dozen or 6 percent on the investment in the purchase; selling expense and overhead charges to be deducted from this profit. The letter follows:

"Editor El Paso Herald:

"Our attention has been called to your issue of June 18, wherein you printed a statement concerning a transaction in eggs, in which the name of the company was mentioned. The statement was not in accord with the facts and its publication constitutes a grave injustice.

"There was no such transaction between us and the Panhandle Produce company, as described by your writer. We did purchase a car of eggs containing 418 cases from the Neal Commission company at Sweetwater, Texas, the car originating at Plainview, Texas, for which we paid \$2.50 per case on truck at Plainview, or \$1.68 cents per dozen, instead of 15 cents per dozen, as stated in your article.

"Adding in this 1.7 cents per dozen to cover the freight, war tax, icing charges, etc., to El Paso gives \$2.85

cents per dozen, the cost of the eggs to us delivered in El Paso. The cost of candling and grading amounted to .82 cents per dozen. Adding this to the delivered cost at El Paso, gives \$3.67 cents per dozen actual cost to us, excluding entirely all selling and overhead expenses.

"After candling and grading, the eggs we had a yield of 419 dozen, or 418 cases, which is our best grade, we sold for an average of \$2.68 cents per dozen; \$2.10 dozen Helmer eggs, which is our second best grade, which sold for an average of \$2.32 cents per dozen, and 285 dozen undergrade eggs, which sold for an average of 15 cents per dozen. The total return to us for the entire car amounted to \$4,446.15, an average on the 418 cases of \$10.63, or 86 cents per dozen, as stated in your article. These figures show that Armour & Co. made a profit of 6 percent on the investment in the eggs, excluding all selling expense and overhead charges, which, if included, would bring the profit down to less than 6 percent, yet in your paper you state in so many words that we made a profit of 15 percent on the investment of 68 percent on actual investment.

"Four article likewise sets in the statement that we secured 85 percent of the difference between what the farmer received per dozen and what the consumer paid per dozen. The difference, according to your figures, is 19 cents, and which is erroneously stated as 15 cents. The actual difference is 20 cents we received an average of 4.58 cents per dozen, which is 15 percent of the difference between the farm point of shipment purchase price, which we paid, and our average selling price per dozen. As we have pointed out above, our profit without deducting our selling and overhead expenses amounted to but 2.85 cents per dozen.

"Armour & Company."

DEMONSTRATION FOR FREIGHT FOILED NONE

Staged According to Program, Told Several Hours Before It Took Place.

FACTIONS MAY BE UNITED ON LEAGUE

"Dry" Plank, to Be Defended by Bryan on Floor, Is Platform Forecast.

By G. A. MARTIN.

CIVIC AUDITORIUM, San Francisco, Calif., June 28.—"McAdoo" was the answer everywhere this afternoon if you asked who would be the next nominee of the Democratic party. It began to look as the delegates to the national convention, who were gathered in the hall, were in a very short time, once the platform is out of the way, to be united on a single issue.

As the Herald goes to press, this afternoon this convention goes into its second session, to formally accept the report of the credentials committee and the committee on rules and order and then to listen to speeches from the floor by Bryan and anti-administration wet and dry leaders finish their fighting on the platform and bring the scrap to the floor.

Poor old John Harney will then be kicked from Massachusetts to California and back again and the league of nations will get some rough handling, also, if W. J. Bryan keeps his voice.

At the convention met today, after a short recess by delegates this morning about the Golden Gate, the leaders did not expect a report from the platform committee before tomorrow and nobody expected it to be out of the way in less than a day, considering the fights expected over the prohibition and league issues.

Senator Reed's fight for his seat from the Fifth Missouri district was the first of the day. The committee report came up for the committee and approved the national committee's decision of a seat for the senator.

The outlook from the platform committee was for Mr. Bryan, which Bryan would have to defend on the floor, and an endorsement of (Continued on page 2, column 2.)

McAdoo's Name To Be Put In Nomination As Early As Possible, Say Supporters

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., June 28.—The name of William Gibbs McAdoo, former secretary of the treasury, will be placed formally in nomination at the convention "at the earliest opportunity," his supporters decided at an early morning conference today. Presentation of McAdoo's name will be by Burris A. Jenkins, Kansas City minister and publisher.

By DAVID LAWRENCE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., June 28.—Of course there will be skeptics who will always doubt not merely the possibility of a nomination, but who will believe there is some sort of collusion between the man who is running for office and the man who is running against him. The writer has just made an exhaustive investigation of the McAdoo situation and after several days of inquiry among the men who are most active in advancing the name of Mr. McAdoo for the presidency, these facts stand out.

1. McAdoo has not sent a single message to any delegate or leader of the party, and he has not been in the city since he left his home in Washington, D. C., on June 15. He has not expressed his views on any question being considered at this convention either of strategy or of platform policy. He has literally kept his hands off.

2. No one outside of San Francisco is directing the McAdoo forces here. Efforts to draw Daniel C. Hooper, McAdoo's chief political adviser, into convention matters have proved futile.

3. No message from White House. No message of any kind, oral or written, has come from the white house since the departure of Mr. McAdoo. He is not a candidate, and he is not a member of the cabinet, and he is not a member of the administration.

4. No cabinet officer here has publicly or privately said anything to indicate that he knew even by implication the wishes of president Wilson with respect to the nomination of McAdoo.

Picked for Permanent Convention Chairman

SENATOR JOSEPH T. ROBINSON, of Arkansas, was unanimously recommended by the committee on permanent organization Monday night for the permanent chairmanship of the Democratic national convention.

PLAGUE LOSES VIRULENCE AT MEXICAN PORT

VERACRUZ, Mex., June 28.—During the past week only four cases of bubonic plague have been reported in the hospital here. Of those previously affected with the disease, four have died and two have recovered.

The navigation companies, both American and European, have decided to renew their services to this port in view of the fact that the epidemic appears completely under control.

ARMY ORDERS

Washington, D. C., June 28.—Lieut. Col. George V. Mearns, cavalry, general staff college, is ordered to the Sixth Cavalry, Fort Bliss, New Mexico, to relieve of duty.

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284 INDICTED AS DRAFT BACKERS

New York, June 28.—Indictments against 284 alleged war "backers" were filed today in the Brooklyn federal court. Warrants are to be issued for arrests by the United States marshal.

L. M. LAYNE IS KILLED FLYING TO CONVENTION

L. M. Layne, president of the Memphis, Tenn., chamber of commerce, and president of the Layne & Bolter company, died today in an airplane crash on the way to the convention.

MARCH, LEGGETT AND BULLARD DISCHARGED FROM WAR RANKS

Washington, D. C., June 28.—Formal announcement of the discharge from the temporary war ranks of Gen. William H. Leggett and Lieut. Gen. Hunter Liggett and Robert L. Bullard was made today.

Dems Have Better Time Now Than They'll Have In Fall; Foggy Weather Swells Their Heads, Ring Lardner Thinks

By RING W. LARDNER.

The great Democratic convention is now in session but I am not in the great convention hall as I have decided to give my seat to Senator Reed, of Missouri, who don't seem to have one of his own. Included along with the ticket is a lady with Thomas Jefferson's picture on it. I have got to say that he don't look like he was exactly flattered by the honor.

DEMOCRATIC CHIEF TERMS CHICAGO PLAN JUMBLE OF STRADDLES

Ambiguities and Evasions on Wartime Taxation and Mexican Problems, Misrepresentations on Anti-Profititeering Legislation Scored by Second Key-note; Firm Stand for League Will Win, Advice.

AUDITORIUM, San Francisco, Calif., June 28.—Holding an hour later than usual today the Democratic national convention had before it only a routine session—a necessary time to give opportunity for the committee work on the outside and the final perfection of its organizational machinery.

Second keynote speech by senator Joseph T. Robinson of Arkansas, the permanent chairman, was the principal event of the program.

Prospects for a spectacular fight on the floor over the action of the credentials committee which sustained the Democratic national committee in its refusal to seat senator Reed of Missouri as a delegate were hedged about with uncertainty. There were predictions that the contest would not be carried further unless Reed determined to attempt to force himself into a place with the Missouri delegation by proxy.

The geographic case also, in which the credentials committee sustained the national committee and seated Palmer delegates to the exclusion of the Smith-Watson faction also seemed to have been settled with finality, although there was always the chance of a last minute squabble.

Today's session, however, was the play-day for the delegates, for under the rules as adopted the convention would hear the platform committee for a nominee until the declaration of party principles has been accepted.

Platform makers busy.

While the full membership of the platform committee continued to grind away hearing interested parties, the subcommittee of nine which actually will whip the plans into shape and decide whether William J. Bryan is to have a home-dry plank or whether the party shall accept some sort of compromise such as that suggested by the Tammany delegation was busy trying hard to decide what to do regarding McAdoo. It will cast its early vote for Gov. Smith, but will not make a sound for Mr. McAdoo's candidacy for mayor of New York at the next election.

Indiana delegates say they will stick by vice president Marshall as long as he is in the field, but if he should make a sound for Mr. McAdoo's candidacy for mayor of New York at the next election, they will switch to McAdoo.

Administration forces were in full control of the convention floor today and there seemed little doubt of their power to guide the adoption of a platform entirely satisfactory to them.

The platform committee was in a position to exercise a veto power over any candidate unsatisfactory to the majority, and it was expected to be expected from the white house as to administration preference on candidates.

Inevitably this situation led to discussion of dark horses because no one knew if the house would favor any particular candidate. Leaders in the dark horse paddock were vice president Marshall, chairman of the committee on platform and program.

At this moment Robinson, J. J. Beary, Ed Loper and R. E. McKnight, who had been attracted by the crowd that gathered came up. As all three policemen knew Mr. Vincent by sight and knew he was a burglar, they arrested him. The policeman who had arrested him was finally convinced that he had made a mistake and let him go.

According to the story told by Mr. Vincent, who has lived at 587 East Boulevard street for seven years, it has been his habit to go to the station at 10:30 p. m. and stay there until 1:30 a. m. and then go home.

Saturday night he was taking his usual stroll when he realized that he was being followed. He turned around and saw a man in a dark coat and hat following him. He turned around and saw a man in a dark coat and hat following him.

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